Importance of CAB Membership

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Key Take-Away Message:

- The DOE wants community input concerning issues affecting the Environmental Management Program at the Savannah River Site

- Why does DOE want your input
  - Citizen involvement results in better-informed decision making
    - BRC Report reinforces this philosophy
    - WIPP is example where this is working well

- The CAB is a primary means through which DOE receives community input
What can you do as a CAB Member

- Actively Participate
- Reach Out to Community
Active Participation

- Attend All Committee Meetings assigned (in-person or online)
- Attend all Full Board Meetings
- Read reports, memos, documents, CAB Website information, etc. regarding a particular subject
- Ask questions
- Share input from your perspective as well as others within the community
- CAB Members are not expected to be experts (technical, financial, legal, etc.)
  - Provide community values on a particular subject
  - CAB is diverse and inclusive of viewpoints in the community
    - Sex, national origin, age, business, academia, labor, policy, public health, other community interests, etc.
- Discussion Examples of technical vs. value viewpoints
  - Bio-Mass Cogeneration Facility
  - Continued Spent Nuclear Fuel Receipts
- Develop Recommendations
Community Outreach

- Ensures the CAB continues to act as a primary means to receive community input
- Invite others to attend meetings
- Invite other perspectives other than DOE and its Contractors
  - Work through Committee Chairs
  - Work through CAB Support Team for scheduling
    - SC Representative Tom Young
    - CNTA President – Clint Wolf
- Communicate the role of the CAB with others in the community
  - Church groups, social clubs, neighborhood associations, etc
  - You are not expected to be an SRS expert, only role of CAB
  - DOE can provide follow-up information on SRS-specific activities
How to Obtain Help

- CAB Mentors assigned for new members
- Committee Chairs
- Chair and Vice-Chair
- CAB Support Team
- DOE CAB Liaisons
- Co-DDFOs
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